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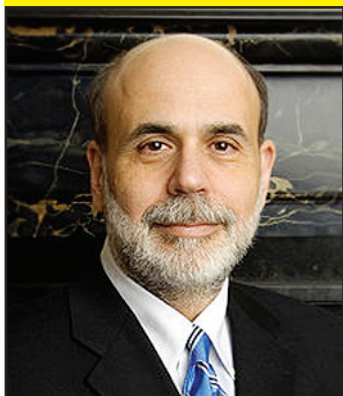
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US Senate to grill Geithner, Bernanke on rate-rigging



Ben Bernanke

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US lawmakers said yesterday they will question Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke about a bank rate-rigging scandal that has engulfed the global financial sector.

Members of the powerful US Senate Banking Committee said the top two US economic policymakers should brace for questions about the manipulation of the Libor in-



Timothy Geithner

terbank lending rate.

The scandal, which ignited with British bank Barclays's being fined for trying to rig the rate, has called into question a key plank of the global banking system.

The Libor rate is used as a reference point for a range of consumer interest rates across the world, from US credit cards to European mortgages.

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Aruba Hi-Winds ends in high spirits



Masters first place Nathaniel McFarlane

They may be tough competitors out on the water, but when the final award dinner is conducted at Paseo Herencia Mall, the hundreds of wind and kite surfers participating in the annual Aruba Hi-Winds demonstrate complete camaraderie and friendship for their fellow enthusiasts.

Such was the case on Monday night, as another successful pro/am meet came to an end. Unfortunately, a number of the pro contenders and winners could not be there to collect their trophies as they had to depart for Italy on Sunday to compete in the IFCA Windsurfing Slalom Youth/Junior Master World Championships in Torbole, Italy, which began on the final day of the Hi Winds.

This year's organizers Ivar van Luyk and Reinier Middel expressed gratitude on the



Guppies

part of the Hi-Winds Committee, headed by Wim Eelans, for the generous sponsorship of the Aruba Tourism Authority, Insel Air, Purple Entertainment Group, Pro-Tec, Cool FM and Amstel Bright.

Male and female athletes competed in Long Distance, Slalom and Freestyle categories in both windsurfing and kitesurfing, most of latter heats conducted in Boca Grande on the eastern end of Aruba.

First to receive their awards were the youngest contenders in the Guppy Class, some only 6-years-old; Jesper Prins of Aruba claimed first place. Z Schettswi from the U.S. was first in the next age bracket, "Barracudas," with his older brother Jake taking the top spot in the Superkids class and the New Kids champ was Xenion Celestijn of Bonaire.

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Aruba to receive Pullmantur cruise calls year-round in 2013 and 2014!



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The government of Aruba, the Aruba Tourism Authority and the Aruba Ports Authority, diligently working together, has succeeded in getting a commitment from the prestigious Pullman Company to include Aruba on their itinerary and in a rather large manner.

Aruba is one of the destinations in high demand in the Caribbean, nevertheless during

the so-called low season, cruise lines send their ships to other regions resulting in Aruba receiving a very limited number of cruise ships during the low season. This, by the way, is the same for the entire Caribbean region. For this reason, very clever and strong negotiations are required to get these cruise lines to visit during a time when they would normally not do so.

Pullmantur has committed to visit Aruba's port practically every week with 48 visits during 2013 and with 52 calls in 2014. This is a major milestone especially because it includes our low season.

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Presentation of commemorative book... "25 years at your service!"



Wim Rutgers, Irais Nava, Nilda Koolman, Vicky Arends and Alice van Romondt, were witnesses of the very creative and unique manner in which the commemorative book titled, 25 Years at Your Service was presented to the Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs by the Gang di Arte group.

During a period of more than one year, these witnesses worked hard to realize this particular book. The contents of the book are a reflection of the beginnings of Aruba's Apart Satus, how government services changed from being part of the Netherlands Antilles constellation to services of the new government of Aruba. Several interesting developments are described in its pages.

Various articles are accompanied by photos. The only government service which remained unchanged in the transition was the Meteorological service.

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17 young people complete Social Formation program



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another phase of their social formation training program.

Proud parents, family members and mentors from the marines' camp, the Ministry of General Affairs, representatives from Holland (VNOA) and the Prime Minister of Aruba, were all present at the Marine's Camp and witnessed the occasion last Monday afternoon. They all witnessed the moment when

each young person was handed his barret and diploma for successfully completing the four months of military training.

Throwing their hats forcefully to the ground to receive the barret was symbolic of passing another phase of the



Social Formation program.

The Prime Minister congratulated the youngsters and then had the honor of presenting them their barrets and diplomas. These young people will move to the next phase of their program.

The day was indeed a day of rejoicing that these young people were able to perse-

vere and complete the rigorous program. They will now continue to take courses at the Enseñanza pa Empleo and at the same time will be engaged in a traineeship at the hotels or in an automobile garage, depending on the course they choose to follow.

The Social Formation

Program is a joint venture between the government of Aruba, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Netherlands.

The Marines' Camp graciously offered the parents, family of the young people and other guests a lunch following the brief ceremony.

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25 years at your service

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Several new organizations were born 25 years ago, namely, the Central Bank, Supreme Advice Counsel, General Accounting Bureau and the SER.

The 25 years Status Aparte Commission had words of praise and thanks to all who contributed to making the project a reality so that today we can have a document describing the historical development of the organizations of our country and their services.

The book is expected to be on display in various libraries in Holland, the Dutch Caribbean and in the Library of Congress in Washington, USA.

RBC Royal Bank and The Pancake Gallery Foundation launched Art Rules Aruba



Mr. Kowlessar together with the organization and the teachers.



Mr. Kowlessar speaking in the press conference.

Last Monday, The Pancake Gallery Foundation launched its art program Art Rules Aruba 2012, which is sponsored by RBC Royal Bank. There was a pleasant atmosphere where all the participants and teachers of the organization were present and enjoyed of a pancake

brunch. The workshops started after the brunch and they will have a duration of two weeks.

During the press conference Mr. Wayne Kowlessar, Area Vice President Personal Banking of RBC Royal Bank (Aruba) N.V. addressed everyone present and congratulated

the organization members for the tremendous job they are doing and also wished all the participants lots of success.

Kowlessar commented: "RBC is proud to again be the main sponsor of Art Rules Aruba as this program has proven to be so successful with more than 200 young participants. It is exceptional to see that in a short period of two weeks of workshops the participants are so well prepared in 8 different art disciplines. It is great to see how much talent we have on the island."

RBC is a bank that believes in the power of the arts to enrich our lives and enhance our communities and is committed to helping the next generation of artists to develop their skills and bring their visions to life.

Mr. Kowlessar invited everyone to come to the final showcase on July 20th at Cas Di Cultura as it promises to be an amazing performance.

Textile painting at the Donkeys



The Donkey Sanctuary has thought up a nice activity for the summer holidays. Children are more than welcome every Tuesday afternoon to come and paint a nice tee-shirt or linen shopping bag. Seated among the donkeys, surrounded by a stunning piece of nature they can let their creativity loose while enjoying a soft drink and an ice cream. A team of volunteers will see to it that everything will go according to plan.

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on Tuesday afternoons starting from 1.30 pm; for AWG. 10,-- (shopping bag) or AWG. 20,-- (tee-shirt) they get a soft drink, an ice cream and the home-made result of their flowing creative juices. The dates are 17, 24 and 31 July as well as August 7. There is room for a maximum of ten children, so register as fast as possible at desiree@aruban-donkey.org or via 593-2933.

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Thirty five years of hospitality El Gaucho Restaurant boasts a new look



Patrons coming for dinner at El Gaucho restaurant will notice the change immediately! The exterior color of the restaurant, serving the biggest and the best steaks since 1977 has been changed. Recently the walls were repainted several shades of blue, as inspired by the Argentinean flag.

Old pictures tell the story of a family owned grill house which opened on quaint Wilhelminastraat on February 17th, 1977, in the heart of town, a small unpretentious eatery dedicated to quality Argentinean steaks.

Over the years the restaurant evolved, upgraded and expanded and all along developed a die-hard following among locals and visitors.

The secret to the El Gaucho success story? There is no secret, just good management and dedicated staff members tirelessly, and consistently catering to over three generations of beef lovers.

Today, at the original location, the restaurant prepares a variety of tempting dishes, charcoal-grilled,

juicy and tender steaks such as the famous Gaucho steak, the 16 oz sirloin, or the Pincho Torro Caliente -- the world's largest shishkebab, the T-bone steak, the veal chop, even fresh seafood and lobster and much more.

Any day of the week, while you savor your perfectly grilled Churrasco, the strolling guitarist duo, entertains with romantic tangos and boleros.

So drop in tonight or any night, the tradition lives on in the rustic dining room, as the friendly El Gaucho staff members pamper and entertain you...and the kids can quietly play in the Kids' Room, with arcade games, Disney videos, crayons and Lego while parents enjoy a quiet and relaxing, unforgettable dinner.

As it is celebrating its 35th birthday, El Gaucho is now serving a multi-course Anniversary Menu featuring its most popular dishes. It is also raffling a free trip to Argentina, all expenses paid, among diners. The winning ticket will be drawn in December, so hurry up, make sure your name is included in the tombola.

Aruba to receive Pullmantur cruise calls year-round...!

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Pullmantur will make 26 calls both in 2013 and 2014. In addition, Aruba will also serve as "home port." This means that passengers can board and disembark here, thanks to the natural advantage for easy flight connectivity from Aruba.

Together with the 8 visits scheduled from Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines during the 2013 low season and Pullmantur's calls, we will receive a total of 34 additional calls for the low season. This results in a growth from 44.822 passengers in 2012 to 136.062 passengers in the 2013 low season. This is equivalent to a record growth of 86.101 passengers and 34 calls in this period.

Certainly, something

unique and historic for Aruba! In 2013 Pullmantur will make 12 calls with their Horizon ship which carries 1.828 passengers and a crew of 620 members, and 36 calls with Monarch of the Seas which carries 2.733 passengers and 860 crew members.

Monarch of the Seas will return in 2014 with 52 calls. The ship's itinerary will include Cartagena, La Guaira, Curacao and Panama.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico's ruling party to demand vote buying probe

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - President Felipe Calderon's conservative National Action Party (PAN) will formally request that electoral officials probe allegations of vote buying in Mexico's July 1 presidential election.

Enrique Pena Nieto from the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) won the ballot by a solid margin, but opponents claim he engaged in a massive scheme to purchase votes ahead of election day.

"We recognize the official results published up to now," PAN leader Gustavo Madero said late Monday, "but there is important evidence of severe inequality and of grave faults."

Madero, who spoke after a lengthy meeting with senior party leaders, said there was evidence that the PRI broke campaign finance spending limits, used off-the-books fi-

nancing, and directly bought votes.

Pena Nieto, 45, won the election with 38 percent of the vote, followed by leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador with 31 percent and the PAN's Josefina Vazquez Mota with 25 percent, according to the final official vote result.

Lopez Obrador said Monday he was gathering evidence to ask vote officials to declare the presidential election invalid, claiming the PRI bought five million ballots. Pena Nieto obtained 3.3 million more votes than Lopez Obrador.

Madero however made it clear that the PAN will not join the leftist legal case, and will not ask for the results to be invalidated.

Calderon on Monday said the alleged vote buying was "unacceptable" and something that "had to be immediately

corrected" and punished.

The PRI, in power for seven decades ending in 2000, rejected the accusations. Breaking campaign spending limits and vote buying are punishable by fines under the law.

Mexico's Electoral Tribunal will accept challenges to the vote until tomorrow, and has until September 6 to issue a verdict.

Lopez Obrador came in second in the 2006 presidential election, losing by less than one percentage point. He then led protests that virtually paralyzed Mexico City for more than a month, claiming fraud.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched through Mexico City on Saturday protesting Pena Nieto's victory.

Pena Nieto, a former state governor, is scheduled to take office in December. He will inherit a country engaged in a brutal drug war and an economy struggling to create jobs.

US Senate to grill Geithner, Bernanke on rate-rigging

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"It is important that we understand how any manipulation may impact American consumers and the US financial system," Senate committee chairman Tim Johnson said in a statement.

"The Banking Committee will hold hearings in July with Treasury Secretary Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke, and I am asking them to be prepared to answer senators' questions on this matter."

The Fed chairman is likely to face a particularly rough time from lawmakers.

As well as being a central bank, the Fed is a watchdog for many of the banks that set the Libor, including Barclays.

Questions have been raised about when the Fed detected foul play, whether it did enough to stop it and whether the issue was put on the backburner because Wall Street was at the time in the throes of the 2007-2008 financial crisis.

The New York Federal Reserve has said that it "received occasional anecdotal reports

from Barclays of problems with Libor," in late 2007, in the context of "thousands of calls and e-mails" from market participants.

In spring 2008 the Fed said it "made further inquiry of Barclays as to how Libor submissions were being conducted. We subsequently shared analysis and suggestions for reform of Libor with the relevant authorities in the UK."

According to David Kotok, chairman of Cumberland Advisors, the scandal raises questions about whether Fed surveillance was good enough and what it will do now.

Kotok suggested guilty banks could lose their prime-dealer status, a much-coveted and lucrative status bestowed by the New York Fed, which allows banks to buy US bonds directly from the government.

"We wonder what message would be sent if the NY Fed now took Barclays out of the primary dealer lineup for a penalty period. And we wonder what the market will think if the NY Fed does nothing," he said.

Mladic threatened to kill civilians, UN court told

A Bosnian Muslim man is seen cries near coffins prepared for a mass burial at the Memorial Center in Potocari, near Srebrenica. The bodies of 520 recently identified victims of the Srebrenica massacre were buried today, July 11, the anniversary of the massacre when Bosnian Serb forces commanded by Ratko Mladic slaughtered 8,000 Muslim men and boys and buried them in mass graves, in Europe's worst massacre since World War Two. Bosnian Serb ex-army chief Ratko Mladic was "like a bully" who several times at meetings with UN officials during Bosnia's 1992-95 war threatened to kill civilians, a witness said Tuesday.



In this photo taken Friday, July 6, 2012, Ronaldo da Silva, left, and fellow inmates pedal stationary bikes to charge car batteries at a prison in Santa Rita do Sapucaí, Brazil. An innovative program allows inmates at this medium-security prison to shave days off their sentence in exchange for riding stationary bikes hooked up to converted car batteries that are used to illuminate Santa Rita do Sapucaí's town square.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

American 'Al-Qaeda backer' pleads guilty to bomb plot

BOSTON (AFP) - An American Al-Qaeda supporter admitted plotting to bomb the Pentagon and the Capitol using explosives-laden model planes and will be jailed for 17 years, officials said yesterday.

In an agreement reached last week, Rezwan Ferdaus, 26, pleaded guilty to attempting to damage and destroy the Washington landmarks by means of an explosive and attempting to provide material support to terrorists.

US judicial authorities said in a statement they would dismiss several other counts against Ferdaus as part of a plea agreement reached in a federal court, following a case in which the suspect fell victim to an FBI sting.

"He has also agreed to a joint sentencing recommendation of 17 years in prison followed by 10 years of supervised release," a statement from the US Justice Department said.

"In exchange, the government has agreed to dismiss the remaining charges against Ferdaus at the time of sentencing," the statement said.



Rezwan Ferdaus,

It said the Muslim, a physics graduate, planned "to damage or destroy the Pentagon and US Congress building using large remote-controlled aircraft filled with C-4 plastic explosives."

In a complaint filed late last year, officials said Ferdaus's plan was to use the "aerial assault" to "eliminate key locations." Ferdaus was quoted as saying the Capitol dome would be blown "to smithereens."

Ferdaus was captured as part of a sting operation in which he sought to procure explosive chemicals, grenades and firearms from undercover FBI agents.



SWEDEN, Ludvika : A house hangs over a rain-swollen creek at Nyhammar in Dalarna, central Sweden, on July 10, 2012. Areas in Sweden hit by floods are bracing themselves for further downpours and thunderstorms as a low pressure system moves across the region. (AFP PHOTO)

Documentary finds Obama's half-brother in Kenya slums

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Barack Obama's slum-dwelling half-brother in Kenya says he needs no help from his powerful sibling, in an election-year documentary that is highly critical of the US president.

"I think he has a family of his own," said George Obama in a park-bench interview with conservative author Dinesh D'Souza that is a highlight of "2016: Obama's America," which premieres this week in Houston, Texas.

"I'm a member of his family, but I'm over-age, so I help myself," the younger Obama said in a four-minute clip that appears on the website of the Hollywood Reporter (www.hollywoodreporter.com) trade journal.

D'Souza, author of the 2011 bestseller "The Roots of Obama's Rage," said he tracked down the US president's brother in Nairobi after seeing a news report about him living in squalor in the Kenyan capital.

The film clip does not mention that Obama grew up in a well-to-do part of Nairobi, before he ventured toward its slums, ultimately working with a charity he co-founded to help young people trapped in poverty.

When D'Souza, citing the Bible, suggests that President Obama -- who is up for re-election in November -- is failing in his duty as "his brother's keeper," George Obama replies: "He's got other issues to deal with. He's taking care of the world, so he's taking care of me."

George Obama, appearing for the first time in a movie, goes on to say that Kenya might be enjoying a higher level of development today had British colonial rule -- which ended in 1963 -- lasted for a bit longer.

"But it's true," he said. "They would have developed

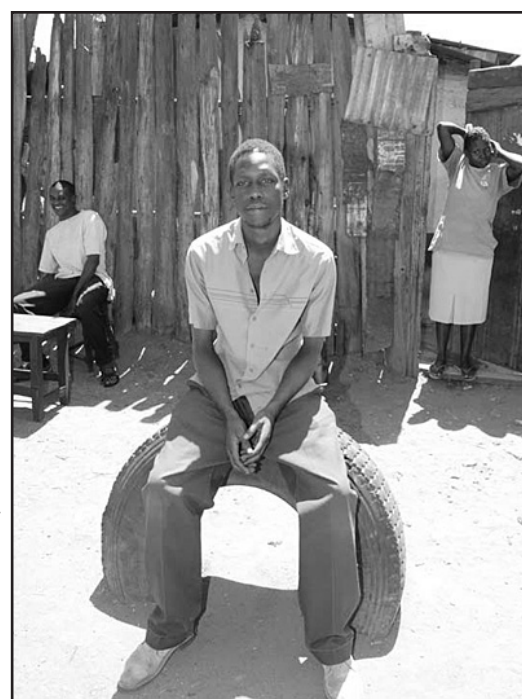
us. Instead we were fighting, fighting, fighting over nothing. We are third world, second world."

Barack Obama Senior, an economist and academic, had four wives including anthropologist Ann Dunham, the mother of President Obama, and Jael Otieno, the mother of George Obama, who now lives in the United States.

The youngest Obama told D'Souza he was only six months old when his father died in a car accident. He said he had no memories of him, although his mother had told him that "he was really educated."

The film clip ends on a note of glaring contrast, with a photo of George Obama at the door of a tiny cinder block hut set alongside an image of the American leader strolling purposefully across the White House lawn.

D'Souza, a policy analyst in the Reagan administration who now runs a Christian college in New York, stirred controversy when he argued in his book that Obama's politics embody his father's contempt for colo-



nialism.

"There seems to be something foreign, something not American about Obama," D'Souza told radio talk show host Michael Berry, who is hosting Thursday's screening in Houston ahead of the film's nationwide release.

"He has embraced a kind of anti-American third world ideology and that's anti-colonialism."

"2016," which alludes to the last year of what D'Souza says would be a disastrous second Obama term, is produced by Gerald Molen, who was behind such Steven Spielberg blockbusters as "Schindler's List" and "Jurassic Park."

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Health & Living

Doctors of the World to treat Syrians in Jordan



AMMAN (AFP) - Jordan's health ministry and Doctors of the World will open a medical centre this week to help treat tens of thousands of Syrian refugees in the kingdom, the international aid group said on Tuesday.

The health centre will open on Sunday in the border town of Ramtha to "provide primary health care to Syrians and vulnerable Jordanians," Medecins du Monde said in a statement.

"The health centre's opening will mark an important step in the project to improve health care access for Syrians who have fled to Jordan, Lebanon or Turkey," it added.

"To consult a doctor or get medical treatment is a challenge for many of the thousands of Syrians who are present in Ramtha. Their access to health is limited by

their scarce financial resources and the strain on the Jordanian health services..."

Jordan's council of ministers on Monday approved the building of several refugee camps to host more than 140,000 Syrians who have fled the conflict in their homeland.

Many of those refugees are

now staying with relatives, particularly in northern Jordan.

The statement quoted a Syrian doctor who came to Jordan a year ago as saying that "Syrians are suffering from psychological trauma because of what they went through in Syria and their escape."

"Others are also suffering from interruptions in their treatment for chronic illnesses... 40 percent of the children we have seen at consultations show symptoms of post-traumatic stress, such as fear of the dark, distress and aggressiveness," he said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights has estimated that more than 17,000 people have been killed since the anti-regime uprising in Syria broke out in mid-March 2011.

Contraception saves 250,000 lives each year: study

PARIS (AFP) - Contraceptive use saves the lives of more than a quarter of million women each year, either from death in childbirth or unsafe abortions, according to estimates published on Tuesday.

In 2008, 355,000 women died while giving birth or from illegal or dangerous abortions, a study published by The Lancet said.

But more than 250,000 deaths were averted that year because contraception reduced unwanted pregnancies, it said.

The paper, led by John Cleland, a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, appears in The Lancet on the eve of a "London Summit on Family Plan-

ning," promoted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

It is campaigning for the rights of 120 million women and girls to have access to family planning.

It also pointed to the benefits for child health and pregnancies that are planned and spaced out.


The world's population reached seven billion last year and is likely to climb to around 9.3 billion by 2050, and more than 10 billion by 2100, according to UN estimates.

Demographic growth will be overwhelmingly concentrated in the poorest countries, especially Africa.



PARIS - Cells blood bags are pictured on July 6, 2012 at the blood collection center of the French Institution for Blood (EFS) in Paris. The EFS opened a blood donation house (Maison du don) in Paris, it is the fifth blood donation house in France since 2007.

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Warm weather brings out red cockroaches in Naples

ROME (AFP) - The city of Naples in southern Italy is battling an infestation of large red cockroaches brought on by the unseasonably warm weather and unhygienic conditions, health officials said on Tuesday.

Pest control personnel are spraying sewers with poison around the clock to try and hold off an invasion by the roaches, which can be up to seven centimetres long and thrive in heat, humidity and organic decomposition.

The infestation has reignited a debate about problems with waste disposal in Naples, a mafia-linked sector that has

been beset by chronic problems.

Local health agency director Maurizio Scoppa said the hot weather and garbage being left out overnight for early morning pick-up were major factors.

Some health experts have warned of a heightened risk of typhoid and hepatitis A, but a sRed cockroaches of the same type as the ones in Naples -- also known in Italian as "cockroach of the ships" -- are common in tropical climates around the world and are spread to port cities by global shipping.

Health Tip:

Exfoliating your skin


Exfoliating is skin treatment where the upper layers of dead skin cells are sloughed off by a loofah sponge, sea salt, brush, or by other means. You can exfoliate any area of skin. When exfoliating your face, use products that are designed for your face.

How to Exfoliate

1. Wet the area of skin you want to exfoliate.
2. Use a synthetic scrubbing sponge, exfoliating gloves or a body loofah.
3. Apply an exfoliating cleanser to your skin or sprinkle it onto your sponge.
4. Making circular motions, scrub the exfoliating cleanser over your skin using your sponge or loofah.
5. Be gentle over sensitive parts of the body, like delicate neck and thigh tissue.
6. Rinse skin thoroughly.
7. Follow up with a good moisturizer.

Exfoliation Tips

1. When exfoliating the face, use products specifically designed for the face.
2. Your skin may tingle for some minutes after using alpha or beta hydroxy acids.
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Pope to sue German magazine over 'Vatileaks' cover

BERLIN (AFP) - A German magazine said Tuesday that Pope Benedict XVI was preparing to sue it for publishing a cover satirising the "Vatileaks" leaked-documents scandal that has rocked the Vatican.

Titanic magazine's July edition featured a picture of the German-born pontiff with a yellow stain on his white cassock and the headline: "The

leak has been found."

Titanic then published on its home page a copy of a letter sent by Archbishop Angelo Becciu to a German lawyer in Benedict's name asking him to take "the necessary legal steps against this publication."

"The Holy Father tasks you to institute proceedings against this violation of his personal rights," the letter added.

The magazine's editor Leo

Fischer said in a statement: "Benedict must have misunderstood us."

He said the cover showed a pope who had accidentally spilled a soft drink over his cassock in his exuberance.

A spokeswoman for a regional court in the northern city of Hamburg said authorities had already banned the magazine from further publication of the image although it does not have to recall editions already issued.

The "Vatileaks" scandal has seen whistleblowers copying and leaking private documents straight from Benedict's desk, causing deep embarrassment to the Vatican.

The leaked documents shed light on many Vatican secrets, including the Church's tax problems, paedophile priest scandals and negotiations with hardline traditionalist rebels.

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German arrested for stealing iguanas from Galapagos



conolophus subcristatus

(AFP)- A German tourist has been arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle four endangered iguanas out of the Galapagos Islands, according to the national park.

The Galapagos National Park said its security guards had intercepted the man on Monday at the airport on the archipelago after he was seen carrying a suspicious package, which was found to contain four lizards wrapped in canvas.

The reptiles appear to be Galapagos Land Iguanas (conolophus subcristatus), an endangered species. The yellowish lizards can grow to be over a meter (three feet) long, with males weighing up to 13 kilograms (30 pounds).

The iguanas have been seen to raise themselves off the ground to allow finches to eat ticks off their bellies -- the same Galapagos finches that

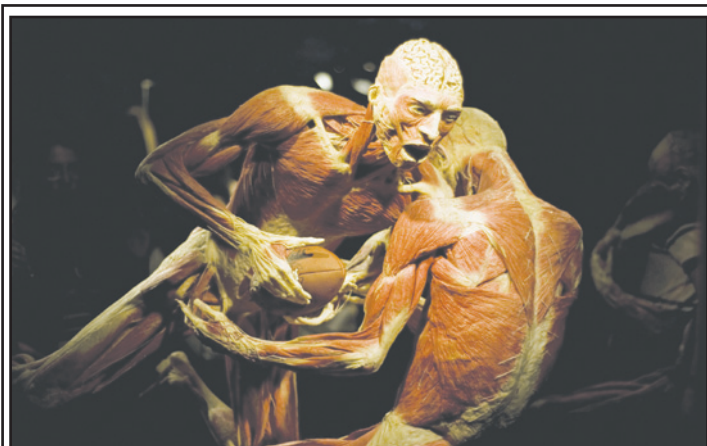
inspired Charles Darwin when he visited the islands in the 19th century.

In 1976 wild dogs wiped out a colony of around 500 of the iguanas on the island of Santa Cruz. The national park rescued around 60 survivors and launched a captive breeding program to try to revive the species.

The Galapagos Islands, situated about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) off Ecuador's coast, gained fame when Darwin visited in 1835 to conduct research that led to his revolutionary theories on evolution.

The archipelago has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978 for the rich plant and animal life found both on land and in the surrounding sea.

The man arrested on Monday faces a prison sentence of up to three years if convicted of the charges.



GUATEMALA, Guatemala City : Plastinated human bodies are on display at the "Body Worlds", the anatomical exhibition of real human bodies by German anatomist Gunther von Hagens, in Guatemala City, this week. Plastination is a technique used in anatomy to preserve bodies or body parts. Water and fat are replaced by certain plastics, yielding specimens that can be touched, do not smell or decay, and even retain most microscopic properties of the original sample.

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KAZAKHSTAN, BAIKONUR : A Proton-M rocket, carrying Sirius-5 satellite, owned by the Netherlands-based firm SES, blasts off from the Russian leased Kazakhstan's Baikonur cosmodrome early on July 10, 2012. The Russian carrier rocket successfully placed on the target orbit the Dutch communications satellite, the Russian media reported today.

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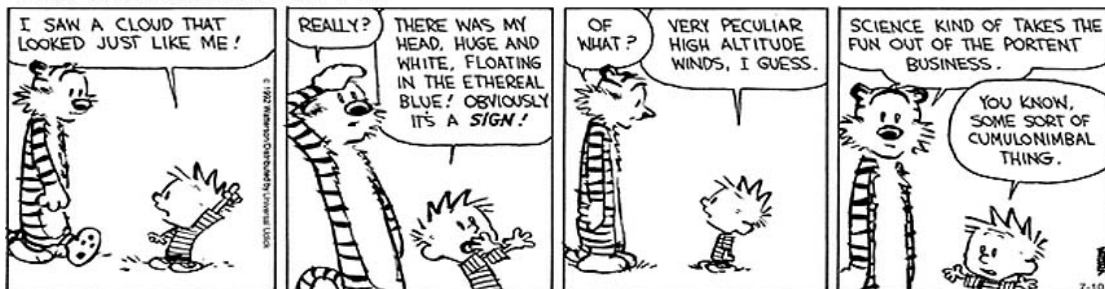
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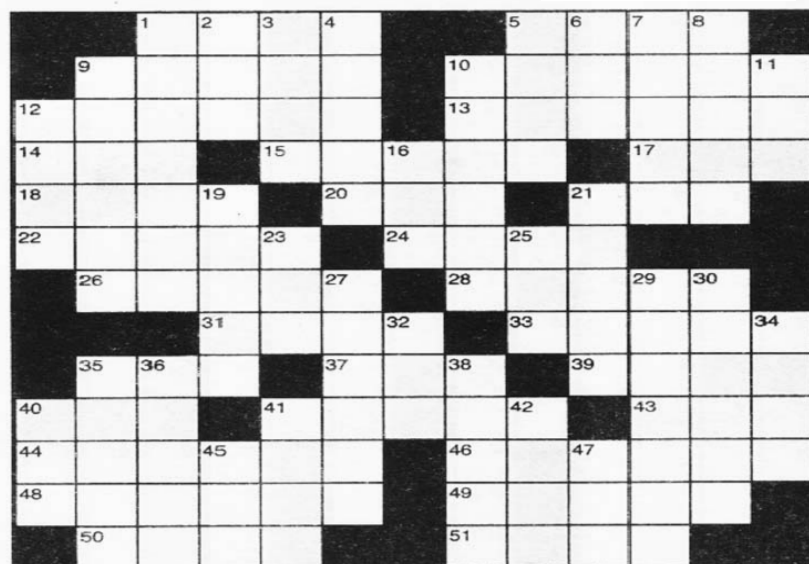
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22. Nasty moods
24. Proofreader's concern, for short
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37. Snaky fish
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9. Hairdressers' "offices"
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12. Commits perjury
16. Illustrations
19. Stable compartment
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23. School subj.
25. Advanced degree (abbr.)
27. Dancer Ruby



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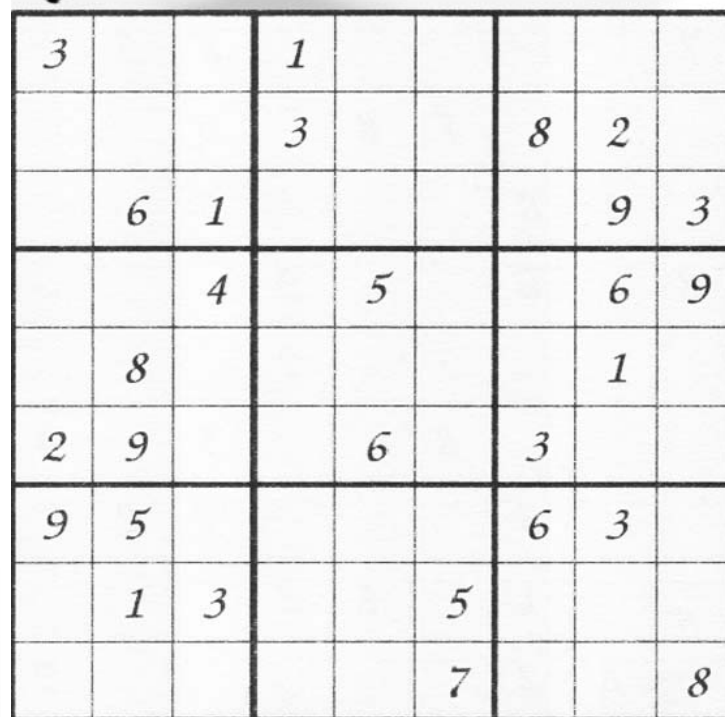
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Finance

Latest developments in the eurozone debt crisis

PARIS (AFP) - Here are the main developments in the eurozone debt crisis yesterday:

* Finance-public-debt-eurozone

BRUSSELS: European Union finance ministers bought Spain more time to revive its sickly economy, offering 30 billion euros to save the country's banks and protect Europe from more debt contagion.

* Forex-Europe-euro-dollar

LONDON: The European single currency tumbled to a new two-year dollar low, as traders questioned whether the latest eurozone deal would resolve Spain's massive debt problems.

* Finance-public-debt-Germany-Spain-eurozone

BERLIN: Germany's parliament will hold a special session on July 19 to debate aid to Spain, parliamentary sources said after eurozone ministers offered 30 billion euros to save the country's banks.

* Portugal-economy-growth-recession-forecast

LISBON: The Portuguese economy is set to shrink by 3.0 percent this year instead of 3.4 percent forecast previously, the national central bank said.

* Greece-economy-bank-banking

ATHENS: Bank deposits are returning to Greece after the formation of a coalition government which has pledged to pursue the country's EU-IMF bailout goals, the Bank of Greece governor said.

* Britain-France-diplomacy-finance-debt-eurozone

LONDON: French President Francois Hollande said that Europe could have "different speeds," after holding talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron focusing on the eurozone crisis.

* Finance-public-debt-eurozone-bonds

PARIS: Rates of return on Spanish and Italian benchmark bonds eased on improving sentiment after eurozone ministers approved a first slice of rescue loans for Spanish banks.

* Finance-public-debt-Germany-ESM-EU-court

KARLSRUHE, Germany: Germany's top court began hearing challenges to euro crisis-fighting tools, as the finance minister warned of "major uncertainty" if judges ordered a delay in ratification.

* Finance-public-debt-eurozone-EU-Italy-IMF-banking

ROME: The IMF warned that Italy's economy remains "vulnerable" to the euro debt crisis and could have a knock-on effect globally despite "strong efforts" being made by Prime Minister Mario Monti.

* Finance-public-debt-bank-banking-ECB-France

PARIS: Unifying banking supervision in the eurozone can be done "quickly" and would best be handled by the European Central Bank, Bank of France chief and ECB board member Christian Noyer said.

* Germany-economy-growth-Merkel

JAKARTA: German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that growth in Europe's largest economy would be more sluggish this year due to weaker exports to European markets but that it would still manage to expand.

* Greece-finance-public-debt-eurozone-bonds

ATHENS: Greece raised 1.625 billion euros (\$2 billion) at slightly lower rates in a six-month treasury bill sale, two days after the new government secured a confidence vote in parliament.

IMF warns Italy 'vulnerable' despite Monti efforts

ROME (AFP) - The IMF yesterday warned that Italy's economy remained "vulnerable" to the euro debt crisis and could have a knock-on effect globally despite "strong efforts" being made by Prime

Minister Mario Monti.

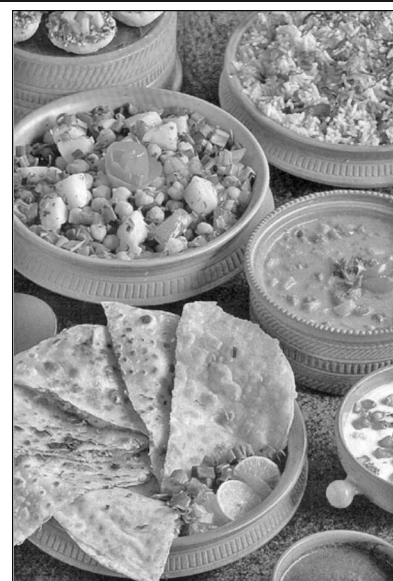
The International Monetary Fund said it expected a recovery to "take hold" only at the start of next year with a rise in exports but said growth rates would continue to lag behind

the rest of the eurozone without major reforms.

It also said that Italian banks were broadly stable but still heavily reliant on liquidity from the European Central Bank and that lenders were becoming too exposed to sovereign risk and rising loan rates.

While the IMF kept its economic growth forecasts at minus 1.9 percent for this year and minus 0.3 percent in 2013, it said Italy's debt would rise to 125.8 percent of gross domestic product this year and that the deficit would decline only to 2.6 percent. But the Fund also said that Italy's primary surplus would rise to more than 4.0 percent of GDP by 2014 -- the highest level in the eurozone.

The report stressed the importance of keeping up the reform momentum with continued public support for Monti, whose popularity ratings have dipped but remain relatively high as budget cuts have taken holds.



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EU rescue fund raises money cheaply despite market tension

FRANKFURT (AFP) - The EU's bailout fund said yesterday it had successfully raised 6.0 billion euros (\$7.3 billion) at lower rates than its previous such operation, shrugging off turbulence on the bond markets.

Demand for the five-year debt was high, with close to 8.0 billion euros' worth of bids received, said the Luxembourg-based European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

The yield, or rate of return to investors, on the paper was 1.652 percent. In May, the yield at a similar auction was 1.83 percent, suggesting investors are flocking to the fund, which is backed by European powerhouse Germany.

While the bond markets are raising pressure on the likes of Spain and Italy, pushing their borrowing costs sky-high, the bailout fund has continued to

attract solid demand.

Christophe Frankel, deputy head of the fund, said in a statement that the placement "demonstrates investor confidence in the EFSF name, irrespective of the volatile market environment."

Three debt-wracked eurozone countries have had recourse to EFSF funds: Greece, Portugal and Ireland.

The EFSF, which was established with a total lending capacity of 440 billion euros, is due to be replaced eventually by a permanent rescue fund called the European Stability Mechanism, with 500 billion euros of firepower.

The ESM was due to come into force on July 1, but it has suffered delays, notably due to legal challenges in Germany that were being heard yesterday.

US regulators sue Peregrine Financial for fraud

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US regulators sued Peregrine Financial Group and its owner yesterday, alleging fraud and misappropriation of customer funds that has left a shortfall of \$200 million in deposits.

The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said it filed a complaint in an Illinois federal court against Peregrine (PFG) and chief executive Russell Wasendorf, the company's sole owner.

The CFTC alleged that PFG and Wasendorf -- who it said tried to commit suicide at PFG's Iowa office on Monday and is thought to be in a coma -- "failed to maintain adequate customer funds in segregated accounts."

The CFTC alleged that PFG and Wasendorf used customer funds for purposes other than those intended by its cus-

tomers, and said the whereabouts of those funds was currently unknown.

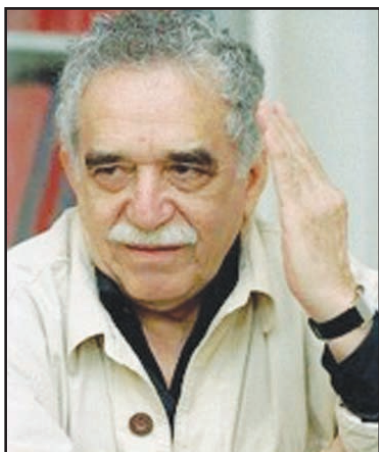
The regulator said PFG overstated its deposits and the shortfall currently, and has previously, exceeded \$200 million. They also were accused of filing false reports with the CFTC, an independent federal regulatory agency.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Garcia Marquez foundation refutes dementia claim



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The New Journalism Foundation was founded in 1994 in the Colombian resort city of Cartagena.

The 85-year-old author's brother Jaime Garcia Marquez told Mexican newspaper El Universal in an interview published online last week that the 1982 Nobel winner is suffering from "senile dementia."

"What he has are some memory issues; in our family, we all end up with senile dementia. I am starting to get some of the onset complications and he already is in the throes of it," said Jaime Garcia Marquez.

Weakened by cancer, Gabriel Garcia Marquez did not resume writing after his latest novel, "Memories of My Melancholy Whores," in 2004.

This year marks the 30th anniversary since Garcia Marquez received the Nobel Prize for Literature.

"One Hundred Years of Solitude", his tale of a troubled family living in the imaginary village of Macondo in the 19th and 20th centuries, has been translated into 35 languages. The book has sold 30 million copies worldwide.

BOGOTA (AFP) - The head of a foundation created by Colombian Nobel literature laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez on Monday refuted claims from the author's brother that he is suffering from dementia.

"I will not argue or comment on interpretations of Gabo's private affairs and health, but I assert there is no medical diagnosis of senile dementia," the director of the New Journalism Foundation, Jaime Abello, wrote on Twitter.

"Please, enough messages of solidarity: Gabo is not insane. He's just an elderly person who has lost a bit of memory. I still have the pleasure of being his friend," he



BEVERLY HILLS : Writer/Director Carl Reiner, actor Mickey Rooney and actor Billy Crystal attend The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Science's "The Last 70mm Film Festival" Screening Of "It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" at AMPAS Samuel Goldwyn Theater on July 9, 2012 in Beverly Hills, California.

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Sweden to host Eurovision 2013 in Malmoe

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Sweden will host the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest in the southern city of Malmoe, the competition's executive producer said Monday.

Malmoe is Sweden's third-largest city and the contest will be held from May 14-18 in the 15,000-capacity Malmoe Arena, said Martin Osterdahl, the event's top producer for

Sweden's public broadcaster SVT.

Sweden "has very big ambitions" and wants to make the kitsch contest "more dynamic and richer in emotion", he said.

According to the contest's rules, the winning nation at a competition hosts the following year's event. Singer Loreen wowed voters May 26 with her catchy techno-pop number

"Euphoria" to claim Sweden's fifth victory.

"It will be a family celebration for all of Europe. Malmoe, a multicultural city, is the ideal place for this international event," SVT head Eva Hamilton said in a statement.

Malmoe also hosted the event in 1992 and other Swedish host cities include Stockholm and Gothenburg.

Vatican excommunicates 'illicit' Chinese bishop

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican on Tuesday said it was excommunicating a Chinese bishop ordained last week by state-sanctioned Church authorities in northeast China without Pope Benedict XVI's consent.

"The Reverend Joseph Yue Fusheng, ordained without pontifical mandate and hence illicitly, has automatically incurred the sanctions laid down by canon 1382 of the Code of Canon Law," the Vatican said in a statement.

Under religious law, both the bishop ordained and the bishop celebrating the ceremony without papal consent are excommunicated, meaning that they can no longer receive the Eucharist or take an active part in the liturgy.

"Consequently the Holy See does not recognise him as bishop of the Apostolic Ad-



ministration of Harbin, and he lacks the authority to govern the priests and the Catholic community in the Province of Heilongjiang," it added.

The ordination took place last Friday despite repeated Vatican warnings.

"All Catholics in China -- pastors, priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful -- are called to defend and safeguard that which pertains to the doc-

trine and tradition of the Church," the Vatican said.

The Vatican said China should "not encourage gestures contrary" to dialogue.

Chinese Catholics number around 5.7 million according to official statistics and 12 million according to independent sources. They are divided between the official Church and an underground one loyal to the pope.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine: The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of

Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses range from \$14 for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to \$18 for shrimp and \$20 for a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin range from \$12 to \$16, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

Cycling: Rivals queuing up to attack Sky



MACON (AFP) - It will take a concerted and sustained effort to destabilise Bradley Wiggins and Team Sky at the Tour de France, but the Briton's rivals are queuing up to have a go.

Sky leader Wiggins resumes the race today with a signifi-

cant lead of 1min 53sec over Australia's defending champion Cadel Evans, of BMC.

But with several other challengers even further off the pace, Sky may have to be extra vigilant.

Former Tour of Spain winner Vincenzo Nibali of Italy could be one of Evans' strategic allies in the mountains and, sitting 2:23 off the pace, believes in his chances.

"Nobody is unbeatable," said the Liquigas team leader, who believes the key is to split Wiggins and his key climbing helper Chris Froome from the rest of the formidable Sky team in the mountains.

Russian Denis Menchov, fifth at 3:02, believes a podium place is possible and he's counting on the remaining 11 stages to move up the stand-

time trial, but there are still quite a few stages where I can claw back some time," said the former Tour of Spain and Giro d'Italia winner who rides for Katusha. "I can get on the podium. We'll see later if I can get any higher."

Belgian Jurgen van den Broeck, a fourth place finisher in 2010, was one of the riders in the Lotto team that tried to shake up Wiggins and Sky in the hilly eighth stage, but to no avail.

Now nearly five minutes down, he has launched a rallying call in today's 10th stage over the first 'hors categorie' (unclassified) climb of the race.

"As of tomorrow I'm expecting a real war against Wiggins," said Van den Broeck, who spent some of his rest day putting himself through an intense three and a half hour training session. "The only reason I've lost time is because I've been unlucky."

Evans, meanwhile, said: "I suspect it's going to get harder, riders always get more tired and we've got a lot of hard stages to go. I think it's going to open up more and more."

Wiggins, despite his advantage, says he's ready for the battle ahead.

"We're in a dream scenario at the moment almost two minutes ahead, which is something we'd never really hoped for or imagined having."



LONDON: Chelsea and England footballer John Terry leaves after attending the second day of his trial at Westminister Magistrates court in London, on July 10, 2012. John Terry's lawyers asked Tuesday for the racial abuse case against the former England football captain to be dismissed from court, calling it "weak and tenuous, and saying that Terry said that he was "very angry and upset" when he thought an opponent had accused him of making racist remarks."

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MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	52	33	.612	--	WASHINGTON	49	34	.590	--
BALTIMORE	45	40	.529	7.0	ATLANTA	46	39	.541	4.0
TAMPA	45	41	.523	7.5	NY METS	46	40	.535	4.5
TORONTO	43	43	.500	9.5	MIAMI	41	44	.482	9.0
BOSTON	42	43	.500	9.5	PHILADELPHIA	37	50	.425	14.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	47	38	.553	--	PITTSBURG	48	37	.565	--
CLEVELAND	44	41	.518	3.0	CINCINNATI	47	38	.553	1.0
DETROIT	44	42	.512	3.5	ST. LOUIS	46	40	.535	2.5
KANSAS	37	47	.440	9.5	MILWAUKEE	40	45	.471	8.0
MINNESOTA	36	49	.424	11.0	CHICAGO	33	52	.388	15.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	52	34	.605	--	LA DODGERS	47	40	.540	--
LA ANGELES	48	38	.558	4.0	SAN FRANCISCO	46	40	.535	0.5
OAKLAND	43	43	.500	9.0	ARIZONA	42	43	.494	4.0
SEATTLE	36	51	.414	16.5	SAN DIEGO	34	53	.391	13.0
					COLORADO	33	52	.388	13.0

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

DUBAI (AFP) - Argentinian football legend Diego Maradona was sacked as coach of United Arab Emirates side Al Wasl just over a year after he was appointed to the job, the club announced. The 51-year-old - who was appointed in May 2011 after he had lost his job the previous year as Argentina national coach - had looked to be in a precarious position after failing to win a trophy last season. His cause had not been helped when the board of directors that had hired him resigned following the previous campaign and their replacements took the decision to fire him after a meeting on Tuesday. Maradona - who as a player almost singlehandedly guided Argentina to the 1986 World Cup trophy and then to the 1990 final - had another year left on his contract.

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Swimming: Olympic teammate bemoans Phelps work ethic



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Tyler Clary has called out US Olympic swim teammate Michael Phelps for a poor work ethic, saying the 14-time Olympic champion could have done more had he worked hard.

Clary made his comments to the Press-Enterprise newspaper in his hometown of Riverside, California, about observations he made of Phelps for a year at the University of Michigan four years ago.

"I saw a real lack of preparation (from) him," Clary said. "Basically he was a swimmer that didn't want to be there. They can talk about all of these goals and plans and preparation they have. I saw it. I know. It's different. And I saw somebody that has basically been asking to get beat for the longest time."

Clary might have seen Phelps at the toughest time, however, just after his record eight-gold haul from the Beijing Olympics when he gained weight and was not motivated.

"The fact that I know I work harder than he does makes me appreciate every little goal and every little gain that I make," Clary said.

"And the day that it happens, when I finally beat him, is going to be a huge deal in my mind, because it would be complete satisfaction. And the only thing that would be better than that is breaking the world record."

Clary lost out on an Olympic spot in the 400-metres individual medley to Phelps and Ryan Lochte but was second to Phelps in the 200 butterfly and second again in the 200 backstroke to qualify for London in both of those events.

"The fact that he doesn't have to work as hard to get that done, it's a real shame," Clary said of Phelps. "It's too bad. You see that all too often, where you get athletes that are incredibly talented that really take it for granted."



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Olympics: Liu leaps hurdles in pursuit of redemption

SHANGHAI (AFP) - Chinese hurdler Liu Xiang endured injury agony at the Beijing Olympics and bitter injustice at last year's world championships, but now he looks on the verge of redemption in London.

It's been a long road back for the unassuming "Flying Man", 28, who won 110m hurdles gold at Athens 2004 but was struck down by an Achilles injury in Beijing, a bleak moment in an otherwise



May last year when Liu, with a new starting technique of taking seven strides rather than eight to the first hurdle, glided over the barriers to shock in-form American David Oliver in Shanghai.

It set up a mouth-watering world championships final two months later in Daegu, South Korea, featuring Liu, Oliver and reigning Olympic champion Dayron Robles, the

world record-holder from Cuba.

Liu was accelerating smoothly over the last third and looked set to overhaul Robles, leading in the next lane, at the line.

But the Cuban reached across and grabbed Liu's arm once before the last hurdle and once again after, checking his momentum as the Chinese runner finished third.

Robles was later disqualified, handing the title to America's Jason Richardson, while Liu was awarded silver. Although there was outrage in China, Liu took the incident calmly.

Revenge could be on the menu this year. In the current season, Liu has beaten Robles over 60 metres in Birmingham and he came second to Aries Merritt in the world indoor championships in March.

In London, he can cap a momentous comeback by claiming a second Olympic gold medal, along with retribution over Robles -- and, if the stars align, erase the Cuban's 12.87 from the record books.

glittering Olympics for the hosts.

Liu's withdrawal in severe pain, without even clearing a hurdle in his first heat, caused such profound shock that fans flooded out of the Bird's Nest stadium and a Chinese TV presenter wept as he announced the news.

It was the start of the long spell in the doldrums for Liu, who had claimed China's first ever sprint gold in a world record-equalling 12.91sec in Athens, and lowered the mark to 12.88 two years later in Lausanne.

American surgeons removed calcium deposits from his right Achilles tendon in December 2008, but it was more than a year after Beijing before he returned to the track in his home city of Shanghai.

But Liu remained troubled by the injury and he took another six months off in 2010 before returning to form with Asian Games gold that November, clocking 13.09 in front of a huge crowd in China's Guangzhou.

The breakthrough came in

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Kite Long distance



Sports Slalom Hender Acosta first Eddy de Groot second Alejandro Soto third

For a full listing of all competitors and their standing at the finish, visit the Hi-Winds website: <http://www.hiwind-saruba.com>

The Aruba Hi-Winds Committee put to bed another week of great athletic competition on the sea, accompanied by beach parties and

other exciting events for the spectators, which attracts participants from all corners of the Caribbean, Europe, Latin and North America, until they get ready to do it again next year!

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Stephen Max of Aruba wins Kids of the Huts



Women's Kit Long distance Nicole van de Velden of Aruba first place



Z Schettew first place Barracuda category

In the adult ranges for slalom, Mark Tjon of Aruba won the Big Kids division and the Slalom Overall for his age group while Miguel Bruggerman of Venezuela took the Juniors' title in Long Distance also, for the Overall

trophy. Veteran participant Richard Albisu of Argentina claimed first place in the Grandmasters Slalom and Overall, and perennial champ Nathan McFarlane of Aruba again stood tallest on the podium in the Masters cate-

gory in Slalom, Long Distance and Overall. Pro Champ in Slalom and Overall went to Venezuelan Diony Guadagnino, and his compatriot, Carolina Comino for all titles in the Women's races, for the Overall title. Hender Acosta, also from Venezuela, won the Sports Category.

Long Distance first place trophies went to: Milan de Jonge of Aruba, Big Kids, Fulco de Vries of Curacao, Grandmasters, Josh Angulo of the Cape Verde Islands claimed the Pro Men's trophy and Alejandro Soto of Aruba won the Sports Category.

Freestyle races were initially delayed as the needed wind for those breathtaking acrobatics was not on schedule for Friday's heats. Things picked up, and after the double eliminations on Saturday morning, Pro champ Kiki Thodé of Bonaire was named King of the Huts, Ethan Westera of Aruba earned Prince of the Huts, and Aruban Stephen Max claimed Kid of the Huts.

In the Kitesurfing Freestyle challenge, Hernan Arends of Venezuela was crowned King, along with taking the long distance crown, his countryman, Sergio Coella was the Pro champion, and Janka Madrzykowska of Slovakia was "Queen of the Huts," Nicole van de Velden of Aruba won the Women's Long Distance title in kitesurfing.

Winners received beautiful, handcrafted trophies, a distinctive tradition of all windsurfing events, cash awards in the adult categories, and gift certificates to FiberwerX surfing supply store in Malmok.

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Prince of the Huts, Nathen stands in for brother Ethan Westera



grandmasters Ricardo Albisu and Fulco de Vries



New Kids Slalom Xenion Celestijn first Joel Kayser second Elton Domacasse third